

How to Deal with an Aggressive Panhandler



- Keep moving. Put distance between yourself and the person asking for money
- Say as little as possible, do not engage with the person asking for money
- Don't give in if you don't want to give money
- Consider giving to legitimate charities to help those in need
- Report panhandling to business owners/management
- Report aggressive panhandlers to the police

Lakewood Municipal Code 09.12.010 defines Aggressive Begging as:

- (a) begging with intent to intimidate another person into giving money or goods;*
- (b) begging with use of false, misleading information, where the person knew or reasonably should have known of the falsity or misleading nature of the information;*
- (c) begging with or involving activities that are unsafe or dangerous to any person or property;*
- (d) begging in a manner that exploits children; or*
- (e) willfully providing or delivering, or attempting to provide or deliver unrequested or unsolicited services or products with a demand or exertion of pressure for payment in return."*

